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REQUEST FOR AN ADVISORY OPINION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The item entitled "Request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice" was included in the agenda of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly at the request of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Uruguay and Venezuela.

2. At its 69th plenary meeting, on 23 November 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. In connection with the item, the Sixth Committee had before it a letter dated 13 November 1992 from the representatives of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain, Uruguay and Venezuela to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/47/249 and Add.1) to which an explanatory memorandum was attached in accordance with rule 20 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

4. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 38th meeting, on 25 November 1992. The summary record of this meeting is contained in document A/C.6/47/SR.38.

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II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT DECISION A/C.6/47/L.18

5. At the 38th meeting, on 25 November, the Chairman introduced a draft decision entitled "Request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice" (A/C.6/47/L.18), proposed by him.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.6/47/L.18 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SIXTH COMMITTEE

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Request for an advisory opinion from the International Court of Justice

The General Assembly decides:

(a) To continue its consideration of this item;

(b) To include this item in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session.